

Virtual Classroom Program Summary

Iowa and the Civil War

Recommended Grade Levels: Grades 4-7, 9-12

Length: 45 Minutes

Iowa Core Social Studies Standards

SS.4.2., SS.4.3., SS.4.4., SS.4.9., SS.4.10., SS.4.22., SS.4.25.

SS.5.2., SS.5.8., SS.5.9., SS.5.11., SS.5.12., SS.5.21., SS.5.25., SS.5.26. **SS.6.3.**, SS.6.20., SS.6.21., SS.6.22.

SS.7.2., SS.7.3., SS.7.6., SS.7.8. **SS-US.9-12.13.**, SS-US.9-12.15., SS-US.9-12.25., SS-US.9-12.27.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Learn about Iowa's important role in the Civil War while exploring historic artifacts from the museum's extensive collection. While investigating objects, the program will focus on artifacts and historic images that tell the stories of Alexander Clark's fight for equality, struggles on the homefront and General Grenville Dodge's role in creating the Union spy network.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

1. What role(s) did Iowans play before and during the Civil War in Iowa?
2. What was life like for different groups of Iowans during the Civil War?

FEATURED ARTIFACTS

John Brown Portrait

John Brown was a complex and divisive figure during the period leading up to the Civil War. This object will discuss the Underground Railroad and the role of abolitionists in Iowa.

Civil War Roll Call Book

Explore George W. Hagen's sergeant's roll book, which was used in 1864 to keep reports of Co. C, 58th Regiment, Ohio. The handwritten pages tell the story of the company's daily life.

General Grenville Dodge's Top Hat

This artifact will discuss Iowan and General Grenville Dodge's role in a Civil War spy ring and the advancement of transportation and technology during the mid-1800s.

Photograph of Annie Wittenmyer

Explore the different roles of women during the Civil War from the homefront to the battlefield, including Iowa's First Lady Jane Kirkwood and Annie Wittenmyer (sanitary agent/relief worker).

Battle Flag from the 1st Infantry Colored Regiment of Iowa

This object tells the story of African Americans in Iowa during the Civil War and the important role of Alexander Clark in the state's civil rights history.

ASSOCIATED VOCABULARY

- Abolitionist
- Artifact
- Commutation
- Confederacy
- Diet Kitchen
- Infantry
- Intelligence Network
- Regiment
- Sanitary Agent
- Transcontinental
- Underground Railroad
- Union
- Unionists
- Visual Literacy